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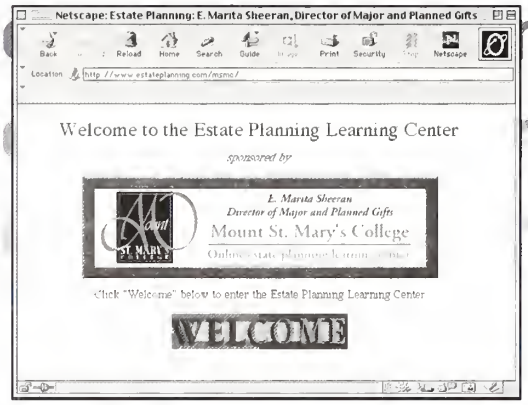
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The Holocaust: Its History and Psychology
A Mount St. Mary's Weekend College Study Tour

By Paul Craft, Sophomore, Weekend College

In May, a group of 22 Mount St. Mary's students and faculty traveled to Eastern Europe to learn more about the Holocaust by visiting some of the historic sites, including the death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka, the Jewish Ghetto of Warsaw, and the old Jewish section of Prague. The trip was a Weekend College course taught by Professor Fred Simonelli, history and political science, and Professor Pam Gist, psychology, and was equally comprised of Weekend College and traditional students ranging in age from 19 to 70 years old.

PAUL CRAFT

Starting with a visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., we prepared ourselves with an overview of the events, places, and people touched by the Nazi genocide. The museum's extensive collection illustrates the period and various horrors perpetrated by the Nazis through exhibits depicting aspects of everyday life, such as common household belongings and personal artifacts. A museum corridor containing the shoes of countless innocent victims was a visual reminder of the actual people who had lost their lives. I stood alone in that corridor and grieved for them as I contemplated the magnitude of destruction.

In Prague, we toured a number of historic sites and attended a Shabbat service at a 700-year-old synagogue in the heart of the former Jewish quarter. As we wandered through the streets, enjoying the warm spring day and bustling atmosphere, it was hard to imagine a darker period. It was only 60 years ago that the Jewish inhabitants of these very streets and buildings were rounded up and deported to concentration camps simply because of who they were, rather than any wrong they had committed.

From Prague, we moved on to Krakow and Warsaw, Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka, the very centers of the Holocaust. As we entered through the famous Auschwitz gates, I was struck by the enormity of our action. We were able to pass freely through the very same gates so many had entered before us, against their will, with little hope of ever leaving. Many members of our group became emotional as we viewed the exhibits and toured the sites of the most hideous crimes ever committed against humanity. Every one of us was shaken by an entire room filled with human hair, taken from the victims to be used for various industrial purposes within the German war machine. Viewed alongside a larger exhibit of shoes similar to the one we saw in Washington, D.C., it seemed inconceivable that people could inflict such suffering and go on with their own ordinary lives, unchanged and uncaring. I cannot imagine anyone visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau and not feeling a sense of outrage and revulsion.

As a result of this trip, I have learned how fragile life really is and how easily anyone, including you and me, could fall victim to hate and prejudice. I believe we all have a duty to educate others and teach tolerance to ensure that another Holocaust will never happen again. This trip was one more example of the Mount's commitment to quality education and diversity, and I am thankful to have participated in it.

New Trustees Named

The Mount's board of trustees announced the appointment of one new member and the return of another after its meeting in May. Margo Ryan Peck of Los Angeles joins the board, and Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '52 returns to the board. She served previously from 1977 to 1993 and was chair for 14 of those years.

Peck earned her B.A. in political science at California State University, Fullerton, her M.A. in higher education at Claremont Graduate University, and her M.A. in clinical psychology at Antioch University. She is currently preparing to take the examinations for her marriage family therapy license. She was most recently a member of the board at Claremont McKenna College.

Peck provides counseling and psychotherapy at Southern California Counseling Center in Los Angeles, where she also works in the center's gang recovery program. She has also provided psychological counseling to high school students as part of Los Angeles County's Vision 2000 program. She has served on the boards of a number of community organizations, most recently the Fulfillment Fund, which assists economically disadvantaged students with mentoring, scholarship, and placement counseling. "I was drawn to the work being done at Mount St. Mary's," she says of her appointment. "I think this is an excellent fit."

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore's involvement with the College has spanned more than three decades. In 1967, she was named the Mount's youngest president at age 39, a position she held until 1976. She continued to break new ground as she was named the first woman religious to serve as chancellor for the Archdiocese in 1997. A native of Phoenix, Ariz., she earned her B.S. in chemistry at Mount St. Mary's, her Ph.D. in chemistry from St. Louis University, and joined the Mount's faculty in 1967. She subsequently served as department chair, faculty dean, and chair of the board of trustees. She was named the 1992 Outstanding Alumna for Professional Achievement and was awarded the College's highest honor, the Carondelet Medal, at Commencement 1999. In addition to her duties as chancellor, she serves as director of the Secretariat for Educational and Formational Services.

JOHN KRUSSINK

Margo Ryan Peck

BRAD ELLIOT

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '52

Sister Jill Napier '71, CSJ, chair of the board of trustees, says of the new appointments, "Margo Peck is going to be a great asset to the College. Her personal and professional life demonstrate her commitment to education and to improving the lives of others. She is an exemplary woman and leader. Sister Cecilia Louise's lifelong commitment to the College has been extraordinary. She has given to the Mount in so many ways and we enthusiastically welcome her vision and love for the College as she returns to the board."

Sister Mary Williams Named Provost at the Mount

Sister Mary Williams, CSJ, has been appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mount St. Mary's College for the year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. A search will be conducted in fall 2000 for a permanent appointee to the position, which was previously held by Jackie Doud, who assumed her duties as president of the College July 1. Williams served as acting provost during Doud's sabbatical in the spring semester.

President Doud comments on her appointment, "Sister Mary is a seasoned administrator, a faculty leader, and a respected colleague. We are fortunate to have her serve as provost for the coming year and I am personally delighted to work with her in this key position."

"I am pleased to be able to step in and help the College as provost," Williams says of her appointment. "It represents a temporary change in my career that I have enjoyed so far. It is an honor to work with such an outstanding group of people, both throughout the College and with the members of the Provost's Council. I am proud of the Mount and glad to be connected to it. We are meeting the needs of society in outstanding ways."

Williams is professor of English, and prior to her appointment as provost she served as chair of the English department and taught 19th-century American literature, Shakespeare, English Renaissance literature, and literary criticism. She first came to Mount St. Mary's College in 1961 and has served the College in a variety of academic and administrative roles during that time. She took a leave of absence from 1983 to 1989 to serve with the Provincial Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet of Los Angeles. During that time, she was also a member of the MSMC board of trustees.

Williams earned her B.A. in English and French at the College of St. Catherine (Phi Beta Kappa) and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English and American literature at Stanford University. She did post-doctoral work at Oxford University and Stratford-on-Avon in England. She has served on the boards of St. Mary's Academy and Daniel Freeman Hospital, and is currently a member of the board of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School.

GLENN MARZANO

Sister Mary Williams

The Lion Roars for Mount St. Mary's College

The annual fundraising event at MSMC is always a very special time for Mount supporters. This year is clearly no exception!

Mount St. Mary's alumnae, parents, children, and friends will have the distinction of being among the very first in Los Angeles to see Disney's award-winning musical sensation The Lion King on Sunday, October 1.

In addition to the performance, a pre-performance extravaganza, complete with dinner buffet, hosted bar, and entertainment for children and adults, will take place in the lobby of the newly restored Pantages Theater. The Mount's private party will be the first held in this beautifully refurbished Hollywood gem. At 6:30 p.m., the curtain will rise on only the second performance of the Lion King in L.A.!

If you are interested in joining us for this truly exciting evening, and want to help support the deserving students of Mount St. Mary's College, contact Institutional Advancement at (213) 477-2764 for information on tickets for the show and the pre-performance reception.

Farewell Professor Egan

Marie Egan, IHM, professor of religious studies, has retired after 20 years of service at the Mount. Before coming to MSMC, she taught at Immaculate Heart College for 10 years. When that institution closed in 1980, she was offered a teaching position at the Mount, and was asked to join Alexis Navarro, IHM, in starting a graduate program in religious studies on the Doheny Campus.

Egan taught undergraduate and graduate courses, and chaired the religious studies department for all but seven years of her tenure, building the Mount's program into one of the most well-regarded in California.

Marie Egan, IHM

She is one of a few women in the country to have earned a doctorate in sacred theology, and upon her retirement was granted the title of professor emerita.

"I enjoyed teaching classes in Christian ethics and women in Christianity, as well as honors classes in religion and in literature to students on both campuses," she says. She is proud that many of her students have gone on to do doctoral work or have entered the ministry.

"Marie and I have been fortunate in being a part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary community and sharing the same vision of the church, theology, and higher education at the Mount," says Alexis Navarro, IHM, director, Graduate Religious Studies Program. "Her intelligence and wit and her insights into situations that called for patience, humor, endurance, and good old common sense are blessings that we at the Mount have appreciated."

Egan has given numerous lectures on Christian ethics, women religious, and spirituality. She will continue to teach part time in the Graduate Religious Studies Program, direct graduate research when needed, and continue to write on religious topics.

Eleanor D. Siebert, professor, physical science and mathematics, wrote a guest editorial for the May 2000 issue of the Journal of College Science Teaching. In her article, she addresses the rapid changes in science at the dawn of the 21st century and comments on how the advancements have affected the way science is taught at the undergraduate level. She also cites the current challenges of teaching science, the tools needed for change, and the rewards in today's classrooms.

Douglas Becker, instructor, history/ political science, has written a manuscript titled, "Justice Knows No Boundaries: The Case for International Criminal Court," which was published in March by Duskin Press in "Taking Sides on World Politics," edited by John Rouke.

The MSMC Master of Physical Therapy Program was named a winner in the "Extend Your Reach" Campus Competition 2000 by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) for achieving 100 percent membership in the APTA. The Mount's program was the only one in California recognized for reaching the 100 percent level in this national professional organization dedicated to the advancement of physical therapy practice, research, and education.

Sister Calista Roy '63, creator of the Roy Adaptation Model for nursing care, was featured in a recently published book titled, "The History of the UCLA School of Nursing." Her photo was used in a 25-foot window display in the UCLA Biomedical Library, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the UCLA School of Nursing.

Sister Teresita Espinosa, chair, music department, was presented with a certificate of appreciation "in recognition of and gratitude for contributions to the advancement of music education" at the Music Educators National Convention in Washington, D.C., in March.

Katherine Brueck, professor, English, was awarded a PEW grant to study Christianity as a world religion at the summer seminar for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Brueck's independent project for the summer is on literary theory and world Christianity. Her poem, "Lamb Without Defense," appears in the No. 2, April 2000 issue of "The Christian Poetry Review," an international publication printed in the United Kingdom.

Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, was featured in a Web-based project called Presidents' Public Diaries, part of the Journal of College and Character, which is based at the Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development at Florida State University. In her diary, she reflects on the issues she faced on a daily basis as president. It can be viewed at *www.collegevalues.org*.

A painting by Lena Rivkin, lecturer, art, graces the cover of the jazz clarinetist Abe Most's new CD, "I Love You Much Too Much."

Katy Murphy, assistant provost for enrollment, was awarded the first annual President's Award by the Hawaii Association for College Admission Counseling (HACAC) in recognition of her service to the organization and to the students of Hawaii. Ⓜ

Mount St. Mary's recently received the following media coverage:

The Los Angeles Times—mentions the 12th annual Women Connecting Women Conference which brought together women of diverse denominations to discuss unity and women's place in the church in an article titled "Exploring the Role of Women in Religion."

Columnist Daniel Cariaga reviewed a Da Camera Society concert at the Doheny Mansion featuring the debut of the Amanti String Quartet from Switzerland, calling the group a "standout, even among more famous, high-achieving quartets." He also stated that the Da Camera Society consistently introduces "important, world-class chamber ensembles to the public."

In a musical review, the Times proclaimed that the Canadian ensemble Gryphon Trio, "blew all the dust off its genre stereotype with big, bold, almost orchestral performances" (March).

In another musical review, the Times described the Altenberg Trio's performance as a "splendid, one-time-only experience at the 1922 Canfield-Moreno Estate" (Feb).

Palisadian Post—announced Jaqueline Powers Doud's election as the Mount's 11th president (Feb).

Brentwood News—a brief history of the Mount is featured in an article titled "Brentwood Historical Society Revisists Mount St. Mary's College" (Feb).

Westways Magazine—In an article titled "A Street Named Figueroa," author Huell Howser takes a road trip on Los Angeles' historic Figueroa Street. The Doheny Campus is mentioned as one of the significant landmarks of that excursion. The Doheny Mansion is also noted as being "one of the best preserved late-Victorian residences in the area" (May/June).

KCET-TV—In addition to his Westways article, Huell Howser went on a video tour of the Figueroa Corridor that included a visit to the Doheny Campus. Sister James Marien Dyer showed him around Campus and the Mansion on his final stop of the day for his program Road Trip (May).

The Tidings—published an article about MSMC's successful capital campaign, "Timeless Values for Changing Times." As a result of the four-year fundraising effort, over $40 million was raised for facilities improvements, financial aid, and new programs for the College (April).

Sister Karen Kennelly's 11-year tenure was the focus of an interview titled, "Educating women for leadership, service, society," in which she reflected on her presidency and the continuing need for women's colleges and the unique qualities of a Catholic institution of higher learning (June).

JOY JACOBS

Does He Dare to Eat a Peach?

Ever since his student days when he first read T.S. Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," author and poet Marcos McPeek Villatoro, Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair of Creative Writing at MSMC, dreamed of ways to dramatize the poem. His long-time vision became a reality in April, when, to celebrate National Poetry Month, he brought the verses to life in performances for audiences of students, faculty, and staff on both campuses.

Attired as T.S. Eliot would have been in 1917, the year the poet published the famous poem, Villatoro slicked back his hair and donned a suit, silvery cravat, red suspenders, and a hat. As he delivered the emotional narrative of the introspective Prufrock, complete with displays of anxiety, procrastination, and the frustrations the character reveals throughout the poem, Villatoro offered new insights into Eliot's work.

"He turned Prufrock into a real person, and gave understanding to the words we read in class," commented a student after the performance.

"Dead Man Walking" Author Highlights First Annual Youth Summit on Peace

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, was the keynote speaker at the first annual Youth Summit on Peace, held Saturday, April 8. Sponsored by the MSMC Center for Urban Partnership and Campus Ministry, the event brought together more than 200 Mount students and representatives from local youth organizations and schools for an afternoon dedicated to peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

The author of "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S." (which was made into a motion picture starring Susan Sarandon), Prejean told of her experiences working with inmates on death row and with victims of their crimes. An opponent of the death penalty, she noted that "we torture people with the death penalty" and that the United States is only one of five countries in the world that allows the execution of juveniles. In calling for a moratorium on executions in the U.S., she noted that "every single human life is worth the whole universe."

Mount student Margarita Rivas, who chaired the invitation committee, began the program with introductions of the youth groups and schools represented. They included: Alexandria House, People Coordinated Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Jefferson High School, Manual Arts High School, St. Vincent Parish Youth, A Place Called Home, Mar Vista Youth, St. Mary's Academy, Long Beach Youth, Bienestar, L.A.'s Future Youth, Pacific Lodge Youth, Project Tools, and South Gate High School.

MSMC faculty members Debbie Giunta and Carla Bartlett presented the Center for Cultural Fluency Award to Ruben and Maria Cristina Rodriguez, managers of Homeboy Silkscreen, for their efforts to promote harmony and peace by employing members of rival gangs. Ruben Rodriguez accepted the award, saying he was proud to have "set out to do it the right way," and equally proud to be from Los Angeles and able to celebrate "what's good about L.A."

Maria Lyons, representing the College staff and the Office of Student Affairs, recognized Sister Judy Molosky, CSJ, director of the Center for Urban Partnership, for her tireless efforts and those of the countless volunteers who made the event happen. She introduced Captain Kirk Albanese of LAPD's Juvenile Division, who represented Chief Bernard Parks and offered remarks encouraging the audience to "be part of the solution" to crime and violence. Lyons then introduced members of the group DreamYard L.A./Street Poets United, who recited their poetry, followed by a rousing standing ovation of appreciation for their insights into their lives.

Attendees were able to choose from among 17 workshop topics which included: Drumming for Your Life (a musical approach to relieving stress and anger), Don't Feel Trapped (relationships and violence prevention), The Mighty Pen (using writing as a tool for forgiveness and peace), Wise-Up to Living With AIDS (dealing with its effects on everyone), Making Peace Through Poetry (the transformative power of the written word), Why Say No? (the effects of drug use), and Creating Peace—It's Everyone's Business (actor Victor Rivers' personal story of surviving domestic violence). Ⓜ

COMMENCEMENT

Excitement filled the warm spring air as graduates and their families and friends filled the Shrine Auditorium May 15 as the College's 71st Commencement honored the 526 students who earned degrees during the year.

The ceremony began with Master of Ceremonies Mark Foster, chair of the regents council and member of the board of trustees, welcoming the crowd of 5000, and associate-in-arts graduate Monica Villaseñor offering greetings on behalf of the class of 2000.

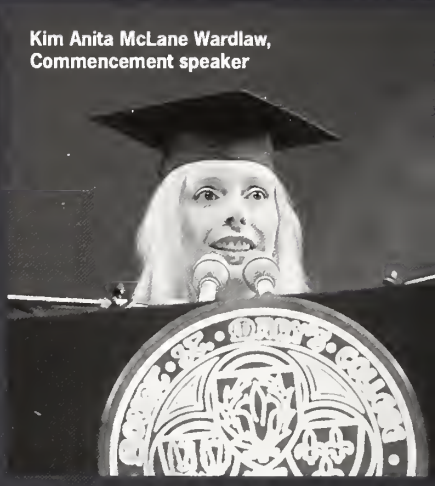
Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, received the Carondelet Medal, Mount St. Mary's College's most prestigious award, given to an individual whose exceptional service exemplifies the values of the College. This tribute has been awarded only seven times in the Mount's history, three of those to Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Kennelly's heartfelt remarks can be read on page 9.

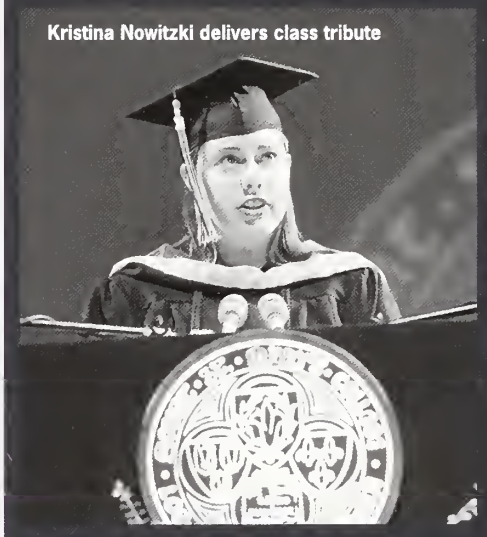
Commencement speaker Kim Anita McLane Wardlaw, circuit judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of California, received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, in recognition of her numerous achievements and contributions to the community.

"You have been empowered by the Mount, and are uniquely poised to contribute to our increasingly multicultural community and the expanding global economy—each of which is centered right here in Los Angeles," she told the graduates.

The class tribute was given by baccalaureate graduate Kristina Nowitzki, who urged her colleagues to "resist the urge to get caught up in the hassles of life and realize every day our potential for contributing to the lives of others." Ⓜ

Celebrating Commencement 2000


Kim Anita McLane Wardlaw, Commencement speaker


Kristina Nowitzki delivers class tribute

Last minute preparations

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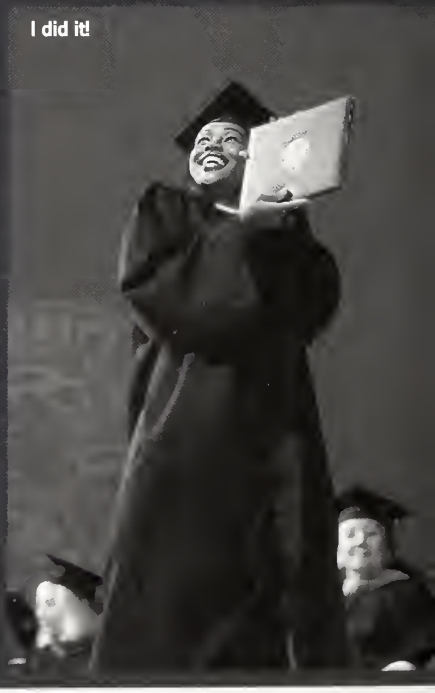
I did it!

Merrill Rodin, director, Weekend College, proudly watches graduates

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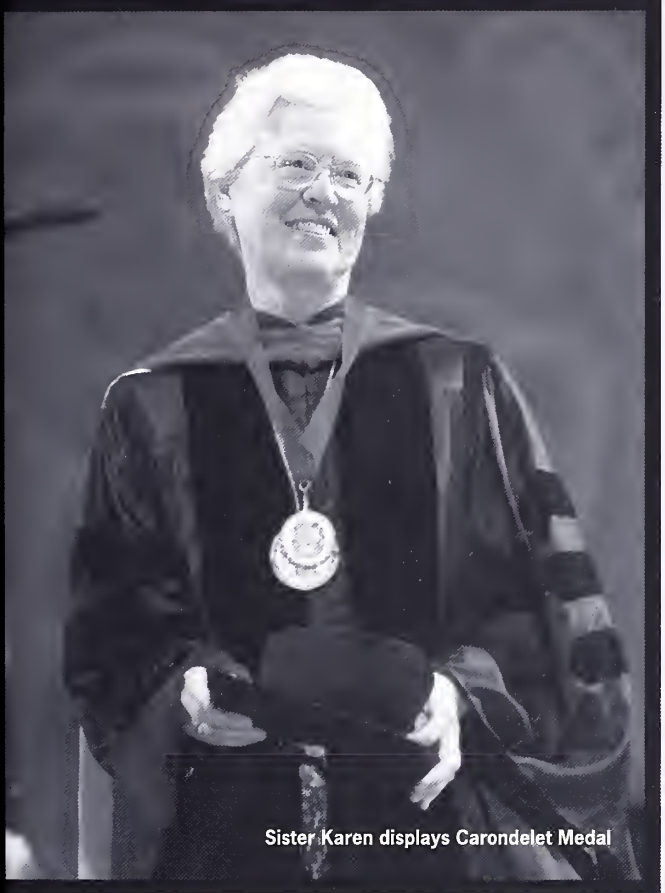

Sister Karen displays Carondelet Medal

In the staging area

L.J. MCALLISTER

Sister Karen M. Kennelly's Remarks Upon Receiving the Carondelet Medal

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Some years ago, I came upon a passage written centuries ago by the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart: "If the only prayer you say in your life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

It seems to me this simple prayer says it all for me tonight as I receive the Carondelet Medal and look about the auditorium, calling to mind the thanks owed to those present and to those whose presence is felt among us despite their bodily absence.

Thanks belong to the four Sisters of St. Joseph who left all behind in their native France 150 years ago to begin the congregation's American missions in the tiny St. Louis suburb of Carondelet. Little did they know what the seed they planted would produce—over 20 congregations of Sisters in every region of the United States and many parts of Central and South America, Africa, and Asia. Little did they know a medal would be named after the site of their humble beginnings, to honor their missionary spirit for generations to come. THANK YOU, founders of the Sisters of St. Joseph in America.

Thanks belong to Sister Margaret Mary Brady and her companions who founded Mount St. Mary's College 75 years ago. When they climbed to the top of the hill on which our Chalon Campus now sits, they saw before them not the rough chaparral that covered the rocky ground, but the college that would one day crown the hilltop. Little did they know the graduating class would grow from 10 to 526, but they dared to dream, and look what happened! THANK YOU, founders of Mount St. Mary's College.

Thanks belong to Sister Rebecca Doan and her colleagues who founded the College's Doheny Campus 38 years ago. When they looked about them at the Victorian-era buildings and exotic plantings that graced the Doheny estate, they envisioned a modern campus that would one day bring Mount St. Mary's College into the heart of our great city. They dared to dream, and look what happened! THANK YOU, founders of the Doheny Campus.

Finally, thanks belong to each and every one of the faculty and students, administration and staff, parents, trustees, regents, and other friends of the Mount. You have made the College the superb educational institution it is today. I accept the Carondelet Medal with the conviction that in honoring me in this way, you are expressing gratitude to the Sisters of St. Joseph who have gone before us, and to all who dreamed the College dream and helped it become a reality. THANK YOU, Sister Jill and trustees for this honor.

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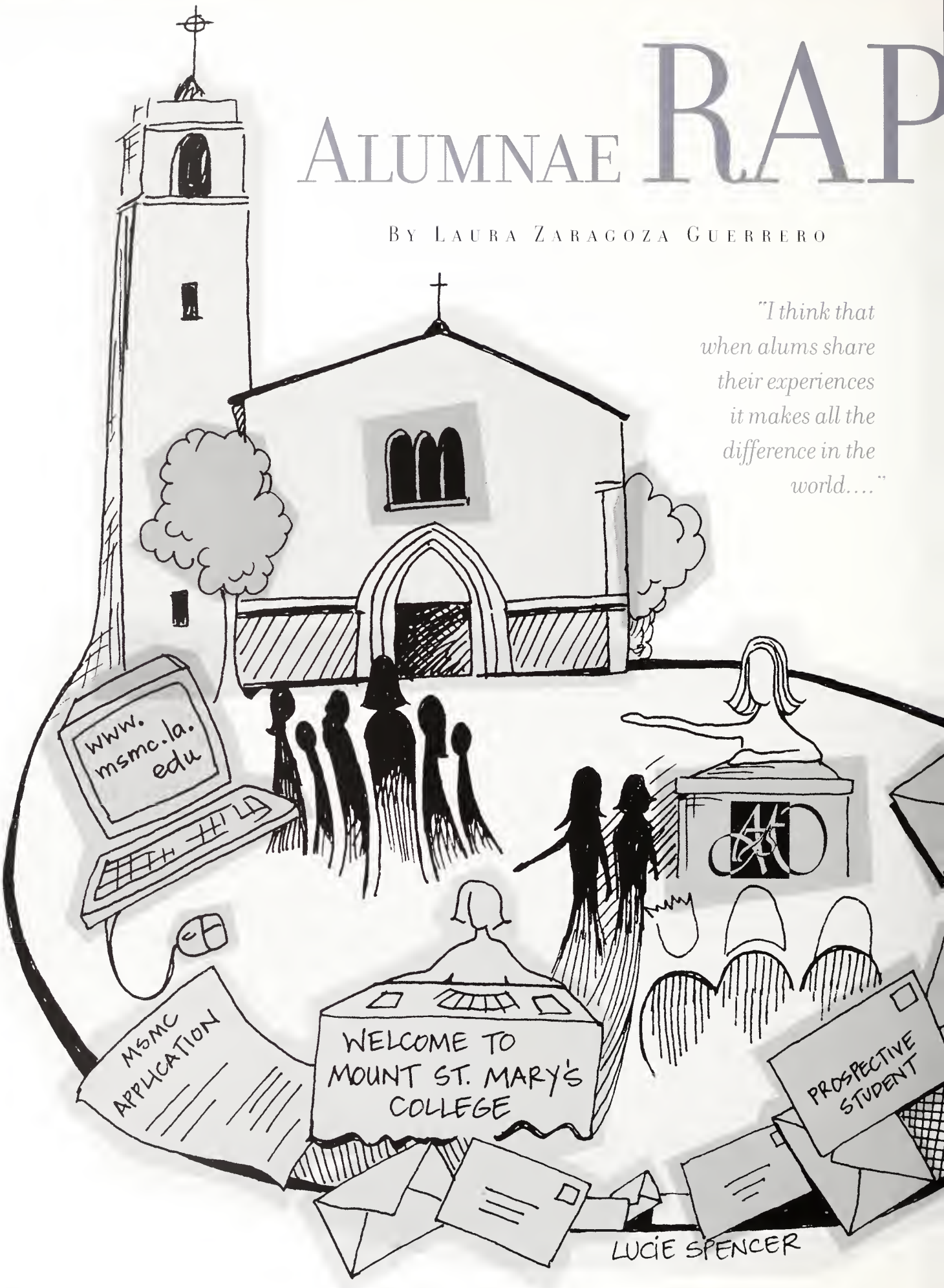
Alumnae Rap

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

"I think that when alums share their experiences it makes all the difference in the world...."



Up Their Mount Experience

Seeing is believing. That was the case for Sonia Gutierrez '96 who decided to attend Mount St. Mary's after hearing a Mount alumna speak about her college experience and successful career at an Admitted Students Day panel in 1992. For Gutierrez, a college brochure would never have made such an indelible impression on her.

With so many colleges competing for high school students' attention, the Mount is currently seeking alumnae volunteers to provide prospective students like Sonia with a more personal picture of MSMC by participating in the Recruitment Assistance Program (RAP). A revitalized version of the Mount Volunteer Program which was started in 1993, the program offers alumnae the opportunity to help at college fairs, serve on information panels, or write welcoming notes to admitted students.

Formerly assistant director of admissions at the Mount and coordinator of RAP, Gutierrez recruited for the College and encourages alums to participate in the program. "Some of the smallest things you do make a big difference," says Gutierrez. "For example, that alumna who impressed me probably didn't even realize the effect she had on me."

For Marie Anne Legaspi '95, a tour of the Mount campus by an alum led to her decision not only to attend the College, but to become a volunteer herself. "The tour was a very positive experience for me," she says, "because I got to see the campus from a former student's point of view. I think that when alums share their experiences it makes all the difference in the world to high school students who are trying to decide if the College is right for them."

A volunteer since 1995, Legaspi has given campus tours, helped at Admitted Students Day, served on career panels, and e-mailed notes to admitted students. Currently a registered nurse at USC University Hospital, Legaspi always seems to find a little time to get prospective students excited about the Mount. "I think that if you feel you had a positive Mount experience, it is your duty to give back," she says.

Encouraging high school students to attend the Mount is something Patty Cribbs '85 has enjoyed doing for the past three years. A San Diego native and nurse practitioner in family medicine, Cribbs has represented the Mount at college fairs in her hometown, and has written to welcome new students. "The Admissions Office is really good about giving me everything I need, such as directions to the fairs, parking passes, and the format for the welcoming notes."

According to Patty Castillo '96, admissions counselor and coordinator of RAP, alumnae can leave a lasting impression on prospective students simply by writing a short welcoming note or talking to them about their majors. "Students like personal contact from alums because it makes them feel like someone at the Mount cares about them," says Castillo. "They also get excited when they hear alums talk about how the Mount helped them get where they are," she continues. "Now, they can also get excited by knowing that their application fee will be waived if they are referred by an alum."

And students are not the only ones who benefit. "It gives you the opportunity to relive your college experience and embrace the person that you've become," says Shelli Weekes '84, who speaks to prospective students at various admissions events every year. "It gives me a tremendous sense of validation and brings a particular joy to the memory of my experience at the Mount," she says.

RAP coordinators Castillo and Lucie Spencer, assistant director of alumnae relations, plan to provide training for those alums who are interested in becoming involved in the program. "The RAP coordinators and admissions staff will always be available to answer any questions or take any student referrals alums may have," says Castillo. As for future plans for the program, Spencer says, "We'd like to take the program to the next level by putting more of the components, like the application and activity sign up, online."

Ways You Can Help

Alumnae will soon receive a recruitment brochure and a fee waiver card in the mail. If you know prospective students, give them a card and their application fee will be waived.

To learn more about RAP, visit *www.msmc.la.edu/alumnae/RAP.htm* or contact the RAP coordinators: Lucie Spencer, Alumnae Relations, (213) 477-2767, lspencer@ msmc.la.edu; Patty Castillo, Admissions, (800) 999-9893, pcastillo@ msmc.la.edu.

THE PRAYER THAT WOULD SUFFICE

The Mount Says Thank You and Farewell to its Tenth President

Soft-spoken, dignified, down-to-earth, accessible, enthusiastic. These are words used by students to describe the new president of the Mount in the winter 1990 issue of MSMC magazine. To those apt descriptors, we add the words accomplished and appreciated as the College community bids farewell to Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, the Mount's 10th president. She retired June 30 after 11 years of service to the College, passing the torch to Jacqueline Powers Doud, the College's first lay president.

This year's Commencement offered her a special tribute as she was awarded the Carondelet Medal, the College's highest honor. In her remarks upon receiving the medal (see text of speech on page 9), Sister Karen invoked the words of the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart, who said, "If the only prayer you say in your life is 'thank you,' that would suffice." It is now the Mount's turn to say thank you to Sister Karen for her contributions to the success of the College.

BY DON DAVIDSON

RICK MENDOZA

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This was done in part on May 21 with a dinner at the Doheny Campus. Honored guests and dignitaries gathered to praise Sister Karen and bestow an impressive series of commendations and recognitions. They came from alumnae, trustees, and the offices of Cardinal Roger Mahony, President Bill Clinton, Governor Gray Davis, Mayor Richard Riordan, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, Representatives Henry Waxman and Lucille Roybal-Allard, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and City Council. The event was part of an effort to raise funds for the Sister Karen M. Kennelly Endowed Scholarship. As of that date, over $130,000 had been raised, a fitting tribute to her contributions to the Mount.

A renowned scholar and expert in the history of women religious, Sister Karen came to the Mount in 1989 with an impressive list of credentials and honors. As president, she promoted the visibility of the College through her membership and service on the boards or committees of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Women's College Coalition, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, American Council on Education, and Independent Colleges of Southern California, just to name a few. She leaves with a legacy of growth, development, and the cultivation of a treasured set of values that are infused in her religious order, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Consider her accomplishments. The successful completion of the College's first-ever capital campaign in raising $40.5 million; the Mount's first recognition in 1990 in the U.S.News & World Report rankings of top liberal arts colleges in the West; in 1992 the Weekend College concept was realized and the associate degree program in nursing was redesigned for non-traditional students.

It was also during her tenure that Coe Library on the Chalon Campus was renovated and "wired" for the information age; the Center for Cultural Fluency was opened to promote the values of diversity she instilled in the College's fiber; the first endowed chair was established; the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex was constructed; and the Mount's enrollment nearly doubled—to more than 2,000 students today. On her watch, the Mount taught its first class utilizing the World Wide Web, as the computer lab was quadrupled in capacity, and classes were teleconferenced with MSMC's sister institution, Fontbonne College.

This is quite a legacy for a soft-spoken nun from the prairie town of Graceville, Minn., population one thousand. Through each and every day of these 11 years of dedicated service to Mount St. Mary's College, Sister Karen demonstrated a deep and abiding respect for the College, its mission, and its values;

a keen understanding of the unique needs of women and other under-represented groups; and a desire to actualize the talents of our students as they grow and prepare for careers of service to the local and worldwide communities.

Those values were evidenced in her actions right up to the final days of her term as president. In the weeks prior to her departure, Sister Karen participated in a project called Presidents' Daily Diaries in the Journal of College and Character, an online publication of the Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development at Florida State University (*www.collegevalues.org*). Her contributions provide an inspiring look at her charism and the challenges she faced as president of the Mount. In one passage, she tells of a young Philippine student who wrote her a passionate letter describing his family's poverty and his inability to afford college. Her response was one of compassion for the student's need, tempered with the reality of maintaining the College's financial viability.

THROUGH EACH AND EVERY DAY OF THESE 11 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, SISTER KAREN DEMONSTRATED A DEEP AND ABIDING RESPECT FOR THE COLLEGE, ITS MISSION, AND ITS VALUES....

Her first stop on the road to retirement was the provincial house at the CSJ province in St. Paul, Minn. She will leave in late August for the University of Bethlehem, where she will spend a semester teaching literature. "I will be teaching students in English, of course, because I am pretty inept in Arabic," she notes. She will remain there through the Christmas season and move on to Ireland in January, where she will be lending her strategic planning skills to the Marino Educational Institute. She will return to Minnesota in April and be part of the Registry for College and University Presidents, where she will be available wherever there is a need for transitional leadership.

As she reflects on her time at the College, what comes to mind? "My fondest memories," she says, "are occasions where we saw evidence of the College coming together as a community—Founders Day, convocations, Siena and Horizons Day, inauguration. Each of these events represented a different experience, but they brought us all together."

Sister Jill Napier, CSJ, chair of the board of trustees, says of Sister Karen's tenure, "For the past 11 years we have had the privilege of presenting our college to the world through Sister

A SYMBOL OF GROWTH

(Above) 1990—During Sister Karen's inauguration festivities, a tree was planted on each campus in her honor. An eight-foot jacaranda was selected for the south lawn of the Doheny Campus in front of the gazebo where Sister Karen, Sister Colleen McEvers, and students marked the occasion with special readings.

(Below) 2000—Sister Karen visits the tree, which is now more than 25 feet high, and continues to add shade and beauty to the Campus.

Karen Kennelly. Through her vision and leadership, she has positioned the College well for the new millennium. We take pride in her accomplishments and feel honored to be part of them."

Sister Karen is quick to point out the value of those leaders who preceded her. "I am pleased," she notes, "to have been able to build on the work of my very able predecessors—especially Sisters Cecilia Louise Moore and Magdalen Coughlin. We have really delivered on our mission of being multicultural education leaders. We have developed the benefits of having a diverse multicultural student body and it should affect the way we teach every class at the Mount."

But there are many challenges that remain for the College. She notes, "We face two key challenges in the future. First, we must maintain focus and enhance our uniqueness, while accommodating a very comprehensive structure. We need to capitalize on our major strengths and continue to assert the ways in which Catholic education addresses values and service. Service is antithetical to the traditional values of the women's rights movement. We don't see it that way.

"Our second challenge is to find our way through the jungle of technology, the 'black hole' as we often call it. We need to face the revolution of rising expectations in technology. I am proud that we have built a strong technology infrastructure to help students learn. Eleven years ago, our technology was virtually nil—we were very far behind."

When she delivered her inaugural address in 1990, Sister Karen focused on the value of a college dedicated to the education of women. She said, "Nowhere is the distance yet to be traveled on the road to full liberation more evident than in the field of education." Has her attitude changed over the years? "Women are still adjusting their sights," she says, "Society's values and mores change at a snail's pace. They are built into society in tenacious ways. Why, for example, does a plumber earn more than a poet? Similarly, there is no way to explain away the disparity in wages between men and women that exists today. The reasons are only historic."

When she came to the College, the Mount had about 8,000 alumnae. Today, that figure exceeds 12,000, meaning more than one-third of all Mount grads studied while she was president. When asked what she would like to say to those Mount graduates, she says, "I encourage them to think the very best of themselves and their capacity to make a contribution in their lifetime and in whatever position they are in. For some, it might seem simple, but they should take time to reflect on the accomplishments of themselves and their fellow alumnae. I encourage them to maintain a strong network and find those who are willing to reach out a helping hand, just as they should do themselves. They should say to themselves, 'I am important, I have achieved, I have the capacity to lead.'" So she is and so she has. Thank you, Sister Karen.

Sister Karen will retain her Mount e-mail address and can be reached at kkennelly@msmc.la.edu.

A FITTING TRIBUTE

GLENN MARZANO

Presidential conversation: Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, chancellor, Los Angeles Archdiocese, and former MSMC president, Jackie Doud, then president-elect, and Sister Karen meet at the tribute dinner in May.

GLENN MARZANO

Trustee Jane Luecke Johnson '64 and Sister Karen admire the commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Alumnae News

'39

LaVerne Carlton Rollins is celebrating the birth of her seventh great-grandchild.

'45

In May 2000, **Marguerite Carlton Kingsley** spent two weeks in Russia on a river cruise.

Blanche Van Oort Spitzer is proud to report that her son, Jesuit priest Rev. Robert Spitzer, SJ, is president of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

'46

Retired for more than 20 years, **Mary Needels Block** enjoys traveling and painting with watercolors.

Jeanelle McDonald Stehly enjoys spending time with her 13 granchildren and teaching two religion classes each week in her home.

Gertrude Cramer Stimson's recent travels took her on a cruise from Valparaiso, Chile, around Cape Horn to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

'47

Lorraine Murphy Purnell's around-the-world trip last fall included a visit to the site near Cairo where the Holy Family reportedly lived during their sojourn in Egypt.

'48

Peggy Wylie Jackson recently joined 30 other St. Jerome parishioners in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where they retraced Jesus's footsteps and felt "scripture came alive."

Maribeth Harvey Lillywhite recently enjoyed a three-week driving trip to Wisconsin, with many stops along the way.

'50

Mary Clare O'Brien Pettit helped organize the state convention of the California Association of Porcelain Artists. She is also looking forward to a trip to Italy in October.

Gloria Putman Stoica has been an AARP tax aide for the past four years, preparing income tax returns for seniors and low-income individuals.

'51

Having retired from teaching in 1993, **Frances Formaneck Gagliardi** recently took her second trip to the Holy Land.

Barbara Diane Terpening McGourty celebrated her 50th anniversary with a tour of Eastern Europe. One highlight was a visit to the Jasna Go'ra Monastery in Poland to see the painting of the "Black Madonna" — Our Lady of Chestochowa.

Gerry Biggs McGrath continues to direct the choir at St. John Baptist de La Salle Church in Granada Hills, Calif.

'54

Now retired, **Rosadel Robison McClure** enjoys traveling — to New Zealand and Australia last year, to Costa Rica and China this year.

Enjoying retirement, **Jean Call Plinck** is chair of the Retired Teachers Association. She also travels and spends time with her nine grandchildren.

'55

Retired from the LAUSD, **Rosemary Brunet Giacomi** enjoys volunteering for MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) and spending time with her 13 grandchildren. She spent six weeks in Italy last summer visiting relatives.

Stella Del Duca Yost is enjoying retirement by spending time with her children and babysitting her grandchildren.

'57

Gloria Maraccini Di Censo has retired after 20 years as a psychologist in private practice.

'58

Melinda Franco is busy with volunteer work at her church and school.

Carol Crawford Weidenkopf is enjoying retirement and spending time with her seven grandchildren.

'59

Rosalie Meggiolaro O'Grady is looking forward to retirement and the opportunity to travel and visit family members.

Retired from school nursing, **Donna Puccinelli Whitworth** enjoys golfing, volunteering as an RN and as a reader for her local school, and raising funds for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease).

'60

Linda Ruby Bolstad has had a Mary Kay Cosmetics business for 17 years and finds time to volunteer with Expanding Your Horizons for careers for young women and the League for Glacier Orchestra and Chorale in Kalispell, Montana.

Jo Ann Holbery Sayre is curriculum director for the diocese schools of Tucson, Ariz.

'61

Judy Cascales continues teaching high school English and traveling to Europe every spring.

'62

Emma Hamilton Curran is still working in the OB department at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo.

Celeste Hendrick Farnsworth is looking forward to traveling when her husband retires.

Nancy Gardner Horne's hobby of teaching needlepoint has blossomed into a full-fledged career. In 1999, she started her own business, and is beginning to market her own original designs.

'63

On a trip to Hawaii last July, **Marian Menges Crowe** visited **Danita McGregor Aiu** at her home in Kapaa, Kauai.

Joan Kays' latest Amtrak trip took her through 18 states and the District of Columbia. She is semi-retired, but still working as a copy editor/reporter for the Sierra Star in Mariposa, Calif.

Kathleen O'Leary Obal is enjoying retirement in San Diego with travel, golf, and gardening.

'64

Retired after 15 years in fund-raising/development for St. Joseph Healthcare, **Cindy Galbraith Buzan** is enjoying her new home in the mountains of southeastern New Mexico.

'65

Proud to be a 10-year breast cancer survivor, **Margaret Norton Preston** continues to find her career in laboratory medicine to be successful and rewarding. She also enjoys spending time with her four children and two grandchildren.

Ann Kilgore Reay and **Carrie Ann Skirlick Blackaller** took a two-week, 3,400-mile trip through the Southwest. During their trip, they stopped to visit with classmates **Michael Ann McIntyre** (in Florence, Ariz.) and **Stephanie Simon Branon** (in Santa Fe, N.M.).

Ricky Ruplinger Warkentin has been enjoying her travels. She toured China with the Mount and spent Christmas in London and New Year's in Paris.

'66

In December, **Betsy Dickerson Azariah** visited London for her husband's family reunion.

Marilyn Ard Cameron has worked at Simi Valley Hospital for 24 years and loves being a nurse. She is active in her community and still owns a Christmas tree farm.

Maria Jones Hoffman is the coordinator/teacher for the hospitality/food service and hospitality/tourism career paths at Katella High School. She vacationed in Moorea last summer.

'67

Mary Bruno Beynon is a multi-year nominee to "Who's Who in American Teachers."

Eleanor Tschiderer Lysecky is in her seventh year of teaching third grade at

GLENN MARZANO

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation on May 20, 2000, are Golden Grads (seated left to right) Genevieve de Grood Gorciak, Frances Hills Sorrentino, Erika Orth Owens, Gloria Putman Stoica, (standing left to right) Jeanne Kingston Di Maria, Anna Peutz Ott, Barbara O'Callaghan, Mary Ellen Likins, Mary Clare O'Brien Pettit, Eleanor Roberts, Patricia Johnson, and Sr. Anita Joseph Aragon, CSJ.

St. Louise De Marillac School in Covina, Calif.

'68

Francine Bell Johnston has been very involved in giving back to her community as a tutor on every level, including disabled students at Cuesta College. Recently she has been volunteering with a group of 35 women who raised $100,000 for the Central Coast Funds for Children.

'69

Kathryn Samson Gillespie spent the Christmas holiday with her daughter's family in Augusta, Ga.

Sharon Breen Jarrett is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild.

Carol Hricik Ule is celebrating the birth of her second grandson.

Eleanor Safarik Zeliff is working on a master of divinity degree at San Francisco Theological Seminary, with an emphasis on ministry to the gay/lesbian community.

'70

Mary Lillig Koenig was honored by Kiwanis and Saddleback Valley USD as Teacher of the Year for her school. She traveled to Germany last spring, and is a math mentor in addition to teaching fifth grade.

Ellen McGrane Shields has enjoyed her return to teaching fourth grade after three years of being a reading specialist.

'72

Nueda Bernabe Heibler still works at Hackensack University Medical Center as a microbiologist. She recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with reaffirmation vows and a special trip to Salzburg, Austria, and Frankfurt, Germany.

Mary Ann Wagoner Hudson lives in Santa Clarita, Calif., and is a school nurse for the Newhall School District.

Sharon McBride Valente was honored in *Nurseweek* magazine with the Award for Excellence in Mentoring or Teaching for her work to help nurses understand suicide, mental health, terminal illness, grief, and euthanasia.

'74

A retired army nurse, **Kathryn Knemeyer Gasperini** is still living in Richmond, Va., and enjoys working as a resident nurse at a boy's camp in Maine every summer.

Paul Gibson, who has more than 23 musical works published by four different publishing houses, is now marketing coordinator for the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

'75

Angela Hawekotte was selected by Loyola Law School as one of five of their graduates to receive the Board of Governors Recognition Award.

Hilary Fryer Jacobson is "thoroughly enjoying" La Jolla, after earning her master's degree in health care administration in Boston.

'76

When she is not busy with her four children and their "unending schedules," **Jeannine Byer Stadler** actively leads several ministries at her church and works with women in her community.

Hedda Morenfeld Markham would like fellow alums from the Doheny nursing department to contact her about planning a 25-year reunion party. Contact her at (805) 985-5665 or drhedda@aol.com.

'77

Rosa Maria Salazar is volunteering as the religious education coordinator at St. Anthony's Croatian Catholic Church. **Fr. Mate Bizaca '92**, pastor, has appointed her to start a Guadalupana Society, to enhance the religious, educational, and cultural opportunities for their Hispanic members.

'80

Jacqueline Bird Ayres is a regional supervisor for care management at Health Partners and enjoys being involved with her children's Little League baseball team.

After working part-time for eight years, **E. Paige Sexton Barrett** has decided to become a full-time mom to her three children.

Katie Keller Di Donato has relocated to Northern California, where she is working as director of perioperative services at Washington Hospital in Fremont.

Lorraine Arellano Edsall is a clinical instructor for the Modesto Junior

Alumnae Association Q and A

Q. Does the Mount still keep an Alumnae Authors Collection?

A. Yes, there is a special section in the Archives where any published work by a Mount alumna is kept. Any alumna who has written a book is encouraged to send an autographed copy to the Alumnae Relations Office for inclusion in the collection. These books will be on special display during the 75th anniversary.

College ADN program. She recently enjoyed a seven-day cruise to Mexico with the entire Edsall family.

Gina Poli Hsiung had an article published in the May issue of a peer review journal, "Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Issues."

Mara Wesel Meschkat is working for Wilson Cook Medical as a regional manager selling endoscopic accessories. She enjoys her two teenagers and is active in the Lutheran Church.

'81

Deirdre Greaney Apablasa is an RN at the UCLA Jules Stein Preoperative Anesthesia Clinic.

Ramona Potts Camargo is a supervisor of utilization management and case management for Blue Cross of California. She also keeps busy with her two teen-age daughters.

'82

Maria E. Flores is practicing dentistry in San Francisco and teaching at University of the Pacific. Her main hobby is racing sailboats and in July she competed in a race from San Francisco to Hawaii.

Yolanda Nino Salido is a physical therapy assistant at Evacare and stays busy with her four children.

In June 1999, **Lo-Gina Ramos House** and her family traveled through 17 states, covering 7,000 miles in 26 days.

'83

Deborah Donis Alvarez is living in Olympia, Wash., and working for a financial planner.

'84

Deborah Freimann Kichler continues to work at Daniel Freeman Hospitals, Inc., now as the director of risk mangement/patient affairs.

'85

Teresa O'Hara Meggs is working part-time as a nurse educator and keeping busy with her three children.

'88

Paty Espinoza Fernandez has worked as a bilingual teacher for South Bay Unified School District in Imperial Beach, Calif., since 1994. Her colleagues selected her as Emory School Teacher of the Year 2000.

Jeanne Soukup works for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services as assistant program specialist in the Tuberculosis Control Program.

After 15 years as a nurse at UCLA, **Lisa Hills** earned her doctorate in clinical psychology and is now in private practice.

'89

Maurice Hamington is teaching at Lane Community College in Oregon. He is co-editing a book in philosophy titled "Revealing Male Bodies." He is also working on a second Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Oregon.

Theresa Manning Oakes is in her eleventh year of teaching, eight of them at the kindergarten level.

'90

Barbara Zajac is moving to Indiana State University (Terre Haute), where she will be assistant professor of sociology.

'91

Laura Jauregui enjoyed her visit to the British Isles in the summer of 1996.

Beth Lavarn McKinney is now living in Dallas.

Jeanne Yugar earned her Ph.D. in school psychology from Lehigh University in May 1999. She is now working as a school psychologist in Long Beach, Calif.

'92

Suzanne Scurria Catalano has worked for nine years on the hematology/oncology floor at Children's Hospital LA.

'93

Marissa Cutaran-Vickers recently earned a master's degree in education from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Catherine Lagman-Legaspi is happy to announce that she passed the bar exam in May 1999.

ARTISTRY FOTO

This year's recipient of the Alumnae Association's Dolorosa Award is Aimee Jade Sison '00 who has been involved with the Associated Student Body, Pi Theta Mu, Residence Life, and Campus Ministry. The Dolorosa Award is named after Sister Dolorosa Mannix, founder of the Mount St. Mary's College Alumnae Association, and is awarded every year at Mary's Day to a senior who is nominated by her fellow classmates for demonstrating outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service to the College.

'95

Jennifer McCormick Bartlett successfully completed the CPA exam and is working to become licensed.

Alicia Rabena-Amen is working for Kaiser South Sacramento in the outpatient physical therapy department, specializing in lymphedema treatment.

'96

Petra Acosta was recently promoted from senior financial analyst to assistant manager at Paramount Pictures, Domestic TV Finance.

Angelica Aguilar recently completed her master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University. She and **Tirza Castellanos '97** traveled to Spain this summer.

Alejandra Ceja recently graduated from the National Urban Fellows Program, receiving an MPA from Baruch College in Manhattan, N.Y. She has accepted a position as program examiner in the Executive Office of the President in Washington, D.C.

Kristina Dam has earned her Ph.D. in toxicology and pharmacology from Duke University.

'97

Jackie Hong Nguyen is newly employed as a women's health nurse at UCLA and the South Bay Free Clinic.

'98

Jennifer Allande is working toward a master's degree in human development at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, Calif.

Carol Gibson is serving as executive director for the professional chamber music group Zephyr, Voices Unbound. She is also directing two operas for Pasadena Pro Musica.

Elizabeth Guevara Kelemen has just completed one year as an emergency room nurse in Las Vegas and is now studying for the certifying exam.

Lidia Marcogliese is pursuing a multiple subject teaching credential at Whittier College. She is currently a resource specialist with the Anaheim City School District.

Ixchelle Reneau is teaching the visually impaired and attending graduate school.

Olivia Rojo is a second grade teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Baldwin Park, Calif. She also teaches a confirmation class for high school students and plays softball for a team in Brentwood.

Dianne Stewart has completed her second year in the JD/MBA program at American University's Washington College of Law and Kogod School of Business. She was recently elected managing editor of the Administrative Law Review.

Noemi Urgiles is working toward a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Cal Poly Pomona. She also works as a substitute teacher for the Compton USD and conducts psychological testing for St. Francis Hospital.

'99

Evelyn Aguilera is teaching fifth grade at Leo Politi Elementary School in Los Angeles. During her off-track time, she has traveled to Alaska and Louisiana.

Diane Wegienka Imperial is an operating room RN at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, Calif.

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'80 Katie Keller Wolter to Dave DiDonato
'92 Mary K. Foo Sum to Eric Dowells
'98 Esperanza Lopez to Miguel Angel Muñoz
'99 Diane Wegienka to Paul Imperial

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to these alums and their spouses on the births of their children:

'88 Mathew Noel to Paty Espinoza Fernandez, 2nd child, 2nd son
'89 Brenna Siobhan to Michele Benson Starkey, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'90 Carleigh Alyssa to Cassandra Larson Ornelas, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
'92 Jared Anthony to Laura Leingang Freeman, 1st child
'96 Jamila Sane to Kevin Koch, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
'97 Ceasar Ronaldo to Elvia De La Cruz Arreola
'97 Jason Matthew to Carla Camacho Narvaez, 1st child

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'30 Florence Moyer Davis
'37 Winifred Bruning Will
'43 Elizabeth Sepich Dragovich
'46 brother of Mary C. Stehly Schaner, Irene Stehly Devlin '48, Winifred Stehly Marner '57, and Sr. Virginia Stehly, CSJ, '60
'50 Sr. Helen Elizabeth Hambley, CSJ
'50 Carol Kintsel
'56 sister of Sr. Patricia Arnold, CSJ, and Sr. Noreen Patrice Arnold, CSJ, '61
'57 mother of Gloria Maraccini Di Censo and Deanna Maraccini McCauley '59
'60 Sr. Claire Patrice Fitzgerald, CSJ
'60 mother of Sharon Leahy, Mickey Leahy Payne '64, and Peggy Leahy Starr '64
'60 Sr. Patrick Bernard Lyon, CSJ
'60 Joan Viery-Clark
'65 brother of Nancy Sullivan Taylor and Sr. Barbara Sullivan, CSJ, '59
'67 father of Joanne Dragovich Vegher
'77 father of Lisa Vukalcic, Shannon Vukalcic '81, and Julie Vukalcic Chait '88
'79 father of Joan Cashion
'81 Jane White O'Leary
'85 Gay Ochwat North
'92 husband of Rhena Suva Carusillo
'98 Frederick Smith

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Win two tickets to LION KING

Here is your chance to enter a drawing for two tickets to see the Lion King on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pantages Theater. Donation is $10.00 per entry.

Complete the entry form below (photocopies are acceptable) and return to Mount St. Mary's College, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Include a check for $10 payable to Mount St. Mary's College for each entry. Entries **must be received by August 30**. Winners will be notified by September 6.

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Barbara Casey
Bertrum M. CeDillos
James Cole
Sheila Cole
Gordon Cooper
Fiorenza Courtright
Genevieve Castellanos Denault '53
Helen M. Elliott
William H. Elliott
Michael A. Enright
Claudia Foster
Carla Gazzalo
John J. Gillin
Marty Gillin
Steve Gross
Toni Bannan Gross '67
Helen Hawekotte '68
Katharine Hughes
Roger K. Hughes
Maria D. Hummer
Jane Luecke Johnson '64
Carl N. Karcher
Karl Loring
Monica Spillane Luechtefeld '71
Monty Lunn '98
Suzanne Mayer
William G. McGagh
David L. McIntyre
Lou Moret
Sheila Kelly Muller '57
Carol Pierskalla
William Pierskalla
Mark Rubin
Marshall Sale
Richard F. Schmid
John P. Sullivan
Celia Gonzales Torres '58
J. Robert Vaughan
Jeffrey Whitman
Katherine Schreuder Whitman '63

Regent Emeritus
Frank R. Moothart

A Look Back

Sister Ignatia Cordis, chair, art, instructs students before the Marian Hall of Fine Arts in the 1950s.

MARGAUX DELEON

The José Drudis-Biada Art Building today.

A Fine Arts Building

Under the leadership of the Mount's fourth president, Mother Agnes Marie O'Loughlin, the Mount formally dedicated its first fine arts building, the Marian Hall of Fine Arts, on Feb. 8, 1956, with Bishop Timothy Manning officiating.

With a price tag of $100,000, the two-story structure housed rooms for both the music and art departments. In addition to sound-proof rooms, the building was equipped with the latest lighting technology, and scientifically controlled heating and ventilation. Just five years after its completion, the structure was destroyed by the 1961 Bel Air fire which left only its charred outer walls standing. Sadly, many of Sister Ignatia Cordis' paintings and two rooms of musical instruments were also lost in the fire.

A decade later, construction of the José Drudis-Biada Art Building began on the same site at the cost of $689,000. Dedicated on Sept. 22, 1974, and recently celebrating its 25th anniversary, the 17,000 square-foot, three-story concrete and tile structure blends in nicely with the Spanish Gothic-style structures on the Chalon Campus. Ⓜ

SAVE THE DATE

August

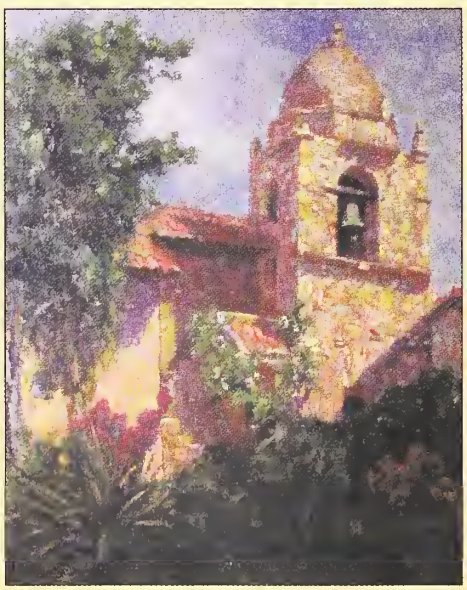
Sunday, Aug. 13
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
"Working Wardrobes" Service Project
Doheny Campus

Join the Alumnae Association in hosting a "Day of Self-Esteem" for over 75 women in crisis from local shelters and organizations. For more information about donation of clothes and volunteer opportunities, contact Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767.

September

Sunday, Sept. 17
1 to 3 p.m.
Opening Reception
José Drudis-Biada Gallery
Chalon Campus

View a retrospective of the work of José Drudis-Biada who donated his collection to MSMC.



José Drudis-Biada's *Mission Carmel*

October

Sunday, Oct. 1
4:30 p.m. Pre-gala reception
6:30 p.m. Performance
Lion King
Pantages Theatre

Friday, Oct. 13
10:30 a.m. Ceremony
12 p.m. Luncheon
Inauguration of President Jacqueline Powers Doud

Saturday, Oct. 14
9:30 a.m.
Reunions for Classes '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85 and '90

11:30 a.m.
75th Founders Day Luncheon and Program

2:30 p.m.
75th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, Oct. 15
CSJ 350th Anniversary
3 p.m. Mass

For information about these events, call (213) 477-2764.